

Federal Executive Board - Administrative Services Meeting

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Implementing the Presidents Management Agenda on e-Government - Round Table

TOPIC: USACE - Northwestern Division implementation of e-Gov initiatives

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Summary:

There are continuing challenges as we implement e-Gov initiatives, costs to implement in times of reduced resources is one of the biggest challenges. Senior Management continues to evaluate each project and its impact to better serve the public.

Synopsis of Discussion:

The Northwestern Division has made progress in meeting the e-Gov initiatives, particularly in the contracting area. We have a number of systems in use and under development in this area. With the right resources we will continue to make progress to meet the changing environment in all functional areas.

USACE E-Government Discussion Points:

The Corps is actively pursuing many opportunities to meet the Presidents Management Initiative on e-government. The biggest challenge is of course resources. IT dollars are under much scrutiny. The Corps has developed several Corporate management teams that evaluate proposed projects before funding: Criteria used for these evaluations fall in line with the Presidents direction. Some general guidelines used are shared below:

Does the System support the Core Missions

- ✍ Competitive Positioning - *extent to which the IT investment provides a unique advantage with customers or otherwise makes the organization perform better in quality, timeliness and accuracy of product or services, in the communications with customers and other stakeholders, and/or in the fees charged .*
- ✍ Duplication with other business areas: - *extent to which the investment duplicates other business areas either internal or external to USACE.*
- ✍ Dependency on other IT Investments: - *extent to which the investment shares information with other IT investments.*
- ✍ Mandatory Investment - *extent to which the investment is specifically directed by a higher authority.*
- ✍ Enhancement Evaluation - *impact of investment's enhancements on mission, to what extent does not developing the investment enhancement impact accomplishing the mission.*

The Corp uses additional guidelines and matrix to evaluate value, risks, ROI, to ensure that the product designed and fielded will meet the mission needs both for the organization and the customer/stakeholder that we support.

The hand out lists some of the projects that the Corp is participating both for internal development and use, and as partners to share information with other agencies, and to develop one-stop-shops for data and services to our customers

Initiatives under current use:

FedBizOps: All federal agencies are required to advertise all procurements over \$25K at this web site, it replaced the Commerce Business Daily. From this site contractors can view solicitations or register to receive those that are only available by CD. This is a one-stop-shop for accessing government solicitations.

CCR: Central Contractor Registration is required for all contractors wanting to do business with DoD. Within 6 months it will likely also be a requirement for non-DoD federal agencies. Some of the beneficial features of CCR include EFT and the ability in the future to submit A-E qualifications with the electronic SF330. The SF330 will be completed by the A-E firm and submitted to the CCR.

EBS: Electronic Bid Sets - almost all solicitations are available either on the Internet at FedBizOps or through a CD, or both. This provides plans, specifications, and amendments.

Reverse Auctions - this is E-Bay in reverse, bidders are pre-registered and bid down the price for supplies or services on line during a 1 hour window, and lowest price gets the contract. This method can also be used for best value situations whereby the lowest price would be considered with their technical proposal in making a selection.

EFT: Electronic Funds Transfer - when registering for CCR vendors are required to provide the bank account they want electronic payments to go. This enables payments to be made much faster than the old fashioned way of issuing a check and sending it through the mail.

Under development:

Performance Appraisals - All major past performance collection systems for performance appraisals of federal contractors are being consolidated into the Navy's PPIRS System. Government and private firms will use PPIRS as a one-stop-does it all repository.

WAWF: Wide Area Workflow - is a web-based invoicing and receiving system which will allow contractors to invoice the corps electronically, thus cutting down on manual entry of invoices, which should improve accuracy and speed up the process reducing interest penalties.

Projects under planning and evaluation:

Government to Business projects:

Online Rulemaking - still in planning and evaluation sessions

Federal Asset Sales - still in planning and evaluation sessions, goal is to establish on-line auctions/sales portal.

Government to Government projects:

Geospatial One Stop - still in planning and evaluation sessions - establish standards development

Disaster Management - Portal still in planning and evaluation sessions - Corp and GSA joint business case

Internal Efficiency and Effectiveness

Integrated Acquisition (wage Determinations on-online)

E-Gov Initiatives in which The Corps is a partner:

Lewis and Clark

This web site is a partnership among 32 federal agencies and organizations aimed at providing a single easy-to-use web portal with information about various Lewis and Clark historical places.
<http://www.lewisandclark200.gov/partner.cfm>

National Recreation Reservation Service

(NRRS) is a one-stop reservation service for the USDA Forest Service and Army Corp of Engineers outdoor recreation facilities and activities. With over 45,000 reservable facilities at over 1,700 locations, the NRRS is the largest outdoor recreation reservation service in the country. No matter where you head you can reserve your place under the stars with NRRS.

The web site is [www .ReservedUSA.com](http://www.ReservedUSA.com) - offers convenient, round the clock access to the On-line Reservation System. You can search by state or facility name and check availability. Or you can if you prefer call the century by dialing 1-877-444-6777 toll free. TDD 1-877-833-6777 and international 518 885-3639.

Recreation

This web site provides a user friendly, web-based resource to citizens, offering a single point of access to information about recreational opportunities nationwide. This site is a comprehensive source of about 2500 public recreation sites currently, with thousands more to be added by state, tribal and local governments. This site also links to state tourism sites with more information of private attractions and facilities.

<http://www.recreation.gov>

National Water Safety Program.

The Corps is the leading provider of outdoor recreation of Federally-managed public lands. The USACE Water Safety Office has a lot of information on the National Water Safety Program available on the web. Citizens can also order water safety related items via this web site.

<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil>